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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner set forth an Election of Species Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as three (3) patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following three species:

Group I: Figure 1;

Group II: Figure 2; and

Group III: Figure 3.

In connection with the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant understands that it is the position of the Examiner that Group II includes both Figure 2 and 2A, while Group III

similarly includes both Figure 3 and 3A. Applicant respectfully requests clarification from the Examiner on

this point if the understanding of Applicant is incorrect.

Turning now to the substance of the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Species

II (Figure 2) for examination, with traverse. Particularly, Applicant notes that Figure 1 does not represent a

separate embodiment of the invention but, instead, provides general information concerning an example of a

cable assembly in connection with which the embodiments represented by Figures 2 and 3, respectively, may

be employed. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the Election of Species Requirement should properly

consist of two species, not three, namely, the species respectively represented by Figures 2 and 3.

In connection with Applicant's election, Applicant notes that the Examiner has identified claim 1 as

being generic. Applicant respectfully disagrees however and submits that, instead, claims 13-16, 19-23, 24-27,

30 and 31 are generic. In addition to the aforementioned generic claims, claims 1-12, 18 and 29 are also

readable on Species II.

Applicant's election herein is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance

of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that are written in

dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §

1.141.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any of the matters contemplated hereby, the Examiner is

invited to initiate a telephone conversation with the undersigned.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2005

Respectfully submitted.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election of Species Requirement for

entry in the above-identified application.

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